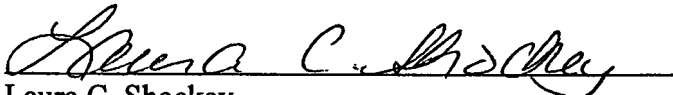




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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents:

In response to the Office Action dated June 4, 2002, please extend the period of time for response three (3) months, to expire on December 4, 2002. Enclosed are a Petition for an Extension of Time and the requisite fee. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 1, 2, 4, 11-17, 20 and 22 to read as follows:

1. (Amended) An apparatus comprising:
a substrate;
a plurality of position sensing devices located on the substrate for detecting the presence of an object;

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